

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7-9 and 12-14 were pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 7-9 and 12-14 are rejected.

Claim 14 is cancelled.

Claims 15-19 are added.

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12-13 and 15-19 are pending in the application.

Claim 14 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application.

As such, the limitations of Claim 14 have been added to independent Claim 7 and Claim 14 therefore has been canceled. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claim 7 is now in allowable form along with its dependent claims 8 and 15-19.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite limitations similar in scope to those present in allowable Claim 14. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claim 1 is now in allowable form along with its dependent claims 4, 9 and 12-13.

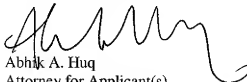
Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections, it is believed that in view of the preceding remarks, this entire application stands in a condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, he is invited to contact the applicants' attorney at the number and address below in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved without the necessity of issuing a further Action. An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Correspondence and Fees

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